CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	sample_c966607a57cbc8d5a1d2f895123bfa0a5e908693.jpg
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1900590.004
Medium:	Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Invercargill District Court
Classification:	Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 16 years.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	21 February 2020
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	No notice of decision has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The publication is an anime-style image depicting three female characters. They stand together as if posing for a photo and are either nude or partially nude. The age of the characters is unclear but they do not present as particularly young, nor do the images have an exploitative tone. However, the nudity is sexualised. There is an international consensus that sexualised images of nude people and characters are unsuitable for children and young persons as this could negatively impact on their sexual development, behaviours, and expectations. The images are therefore classified R16. Although this classification places some limit on the right to freedom of expression as outlined in New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, this is the least restrictive limitation that will prevent injury to the public good.